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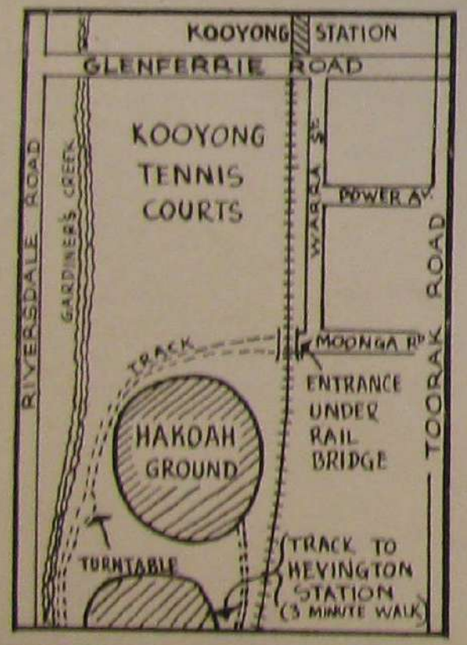


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## THE CHINESE TEAM IS COMING

The Australian Soccer Football Association International Tours Committee has now definitely announced that a Chinese team will visit Australia later in the season. After all the knock-backs and difficulties encountered earlier, it is cheering to hear at last that we can expect a first-class overseas side this year after all.

The Chinese have visited Australia three times previously—in 1923, 1927 and 1941. On the first occasion they lost the series of Test matches by three games to one, with one drawn. In 1927, of the three Tests played, they lost two and drew one. In 1941, however, they were considerably stronger, and although they lost the series, it was only the odd game in 5.

Of all these prevous games, only one was played n Melbourne (in 1941).

Soccer in the Hong Kong area (from which the team is drawn) has gone ahead by leaps and bounds in the last few years, and the local teams have on many occasions, proved too strong for British Navy and Army teams.

The Chinese team will play a series of 17 games in Australia, including five Test matches, which will be distributed throughout the various States as follows: N.S.W., seven games (including two Tests); Victoria, three games (one Test); Queensland, two games (one Test); South Australia, two games (one Test); Western Australia, two games, and Tasmania, one Test.

Dates have not yet been announced, but as far as Victoria and Tasmania are concerned, games will be apportioned as follows: China v. Victoria on a Saturday, after which the Chinese will travel to Tasmania and play on the following Wednesday, returning to Melbourne for a Test match on the following Saturday. On the Wednesday following, a new idea has been decided on, and the Chinese will play against a Victorian (New Australian) team. This feature, we feel, will be particularly popular with the large New-Australian following in Victoria, and is a most progressive step. It will be noticed also that for the first time, South Australia has been allotted a Test match—a realistic step, for there is no doubt that S.A., like Victoria, has a huge following who are prepared to pay to see good football. The S.A. Test is at the expense of Newcastle, whose following, although large, cannot now compare with Victoria's and S.A.'s.

Before the Chinese team leaves, an Australian team will go overseas to Noumea in September, and we hope to see some Victorians in that side.

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# Editorial

All communications re Soccer News must be sent to The Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8, by first post on Monday.

Juventus maintained their five points lead in Division 1 last week with a decisive win over Yallourn at Olympic Park. The Latrobe Valley side are now in an extremely dangerous position in the table.

J.U.S.T. with a magnificent fight, came back from three goals down at half time to beat Brighton by 4-3 last Sunday at Olympic Park. The Seasiders had only themselves to blame for their defeat, as with three goals under their belts they coasted, gave away a foolish penalty, and were unable to get into their stride again.

Box Hill, with a 1-1 draw with Footscray City, picked up one more vital point in their fight to stave off relegation. We were sorry to see Roger Parvin and Arthur Scott get injured.

In the Second Division, South Melbourne were leading White Eagles by 3-2 after 65 minutes, when the referee suddenly decided to abandon the game.

At the other end of the table, Sunshine City who had not previously won a game in 10 rounds, soundly drubbed Preston by no less than nine goals to nil.

Sensation of the Fourth Division was a win by Union Jack over Victoria Police by two goals to one. Union Jack who had not previously collected even one point, and had the colossal goal average of 4 goals for to 100 against, must have had a most pleasant shock, and it is safe to tip that there was considerable "Wassail" at the Union Jack Club last Saturday night.

"Soccer News" took a trip to the Maribyrnong ground last Saturday and saw the locals play Shell "A" team from Geelong. "Shell," by the way, must have established a record of sorts themselves. Promoted into the Fourth Division suddenly after nine weeks in the Reserves, Shell managed, in winning their first Fourth Division fixture, to climb out of the relegation zone above two teams who had played nine games. The game against Maribyrnong was of good standard, although ball control was difficult in the blustery conditions. The Maribyrnong side, although lying in second place in the League, were defeated by the new-comers by four goals to one.

Weather conditions the last few week-ends have been atrocious, but the "fans" still want their football, and still turn up and stand in the rain. On Sunday, at Olympic Park, the storm after half-time sent many home, but there were still hundreds of hardened followers who braved the rain and saw a fine game out. When, oh when are the powers that be, going to rebuild the stand and let soccer people see their sport in civilised conditions?

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JUNIORS?

The Sandringham City Club which has junior teams in all grades urgently requires men to coach and handle juniors. If you are interested, contact the Secretary, Sandringham City Soccer Club, Mr. W. Campbell, 43 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8, or the Editor of this paper.

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# SPOT KICKS

BY "CENTRE"

### AMNESTY REACTION

Judging by the way a certain player has been playing, it won't be long before he is out for another long period.

### SEE-SAW

Transfer fever is in the air again and we are tipping there will be the usual rush just before June 30.

### DON'T ALL RUSH

Talking of transfers, a well-known Australian and Interstate player is still on the open list and has been approached by Hakoah and Juventus. Which club will get him?

### WHO PICKS 'EM?

Apparently J.U.S.T. did not find the one-selector system very satisfactory, for they now have elected three selectors.

### RAMBLING R.A.A.F.ITE

R. Walker of Brighton is a player who shows great keenness for his game; he travels from the R.A.A.F. station at Sale every week-end.

### BACK-SEAT DRIVERS

Apparently a Captain does not have full control of his team whilst on the field. Did you notice at the Hakoah-Brighton game when Goddard was injured, T. Jack (Capt.) go to put on the 'keeper's jersey? He was strongly told otherwise by a Hakoah Committeeman and another player was instructed to take over. Fortunately Goddard was not out of things for long.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

It was stated by the "Argus" Soccer Correspondent (9/6/53) that the fare to Upper Yarra Dam was in the region of £40. This is a gross exaggeration, as only a few weeks ago the Preston Club travelled to Upper Yarra Dam in a first-class 33-passenger coach for the moderate sum of £17-10-0, which actually is much less that we have to pay for our coach to Flinders and Geelong.—Yours etc.,

A. Clark, Hon. Sec., Preston Soccer Club.

(The coach mentioned by Mr. Clark was supplied by Reid's Bus Service, of Northcote.—Editor.)

## *The Chinese Team is Coming—Continued*

The Interstate Carnival which Adelaide had been hoping to stage is now definitely off until 1954, when it will be held in Adelaide over the Easter week-end.

So now, for the first time in two years, we can look forward again to entertaining an overseas side. Our hopes are high that this tour will be a huge success, both from a football and a financial angle.

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## SUNDAY INTERNATIONAL SOCCER—LAIDLAW CUP

### "WORLD" LAIDLAW CUP SERIES

The second round of the V.A.S.F.A. World Cup will commence on June 28 with Holland v. Czechoslovakia providing the curtain raiser and Poland v. England the main attraction of the day. The games will start at 1.45 p.m. and 3.10 p.m. respectively.

This programme promises to be the best up to date, as we'll see a very much improved Holland with a good number of its players playing First Division soccer. The Czech. team with two State representatives, will find them a very hard proposition.

England, still encouraged by their good win over Slovakia (6-0), will go all out to beat Poland; they have a good team and it could spring a great surprise.

Poland, on the other hand, is in the happy position of fielding an experienced team, which had some considerable success in previous competitions. Czauderna and Zablocki being their main trump cards, of course, they will need a forward line capable of scoring goals, or else the hard work of the defence will be wasted. All being well, including the weather, it promises to be an enjoyable Sunday afternoon of soccer.

JOHN P. OLIPHANT, Sunday International Committee.

### ENGLAND'S TEAM v. POLAND

**Olympic Park, 3.10 p.m. — Sunday, June 28.**

The following players are asked to report at Olympic Park on Sunday, June 28:—Gough (Sunshine United); Wilson, Stubbs, Wilkinson (Prahran); Roberts, Baker, Donnell (Footscray City); Heath, Swoffer, Stott (Moreland); Sutherland, Walker, Bambro (Brighton); Trinder (George Cross); Gregg (South Yarra), Delaney (Park Rangers), Willee (University), West (Box Hill).

Selected team to be chosen from the above list.—J. STEPHEN

## LATROBE VALLEY ASSOCIATION

In defeating Moe United, A.P.M. at home took the 1953 League Championship. Although Moe United played much better football, their chances were spoiled by their inability to shoot for goal; on the other hand, A.P.M., with three long shots, scored three times. Moe United battled on, but injuries marred any chance they may have had, and in the second half had to play with a man short. The final score was A.P.M. 3 goals, Moe United 0.

At East Sale R.A.A.F. defeated Morwell, 3-2.

To complete the League fixtures, Moe United will play Morwell at Moe on Saturday, June 27. Final League tables will be sent for next week's issue. — F. McIVER.

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## HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON

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### CURTAIN RAISERS

I am looking forward to the day when the above are just memories. The attraction that draws the crowd is the big game, so why do one's best to make sure that the pitch is thoroughly ploughed up beforehand? Were the games against the England Tourists any the less attractive because there was not a curtain-raiser between two junior elevens?

### SHUTTLECOCKS

A London "Spiv" was selling rubber talking soccer dolls outside a football ground. "Drop 'em," he yelled, "and hear them ask for a transfer." Whereas in Victoria, back and forth go the players like men from job to job in an inflation.

### PATRONS

So the Association is seeking three new patrons. I do not know the present ones, but quite recently we had at least one Knight, a belted Earl, and a Field-Marshal.

### HAPPY RETIREMENT

Good wishes to Mr. Crawford, life-member of the Association, who retires as Sports Secretary of the University Union after over 20 years service. Mr. Crawford was well known in soccer circles after the Great War.

### TECHNICAL SCHOOL SOCCER

I was able to see only a glimpse of the play, but the skill and enthusiasm of some of the schoolboys in a Wednesday afternoon soccer game on the J.U.S.T. playing area will certainly draw me there again. At least some coaching is bearing fruit.

This is the home ground for Richmond Technical School. Referee Denis Chambers is coaching.—Editor.

### THE NORTHCOTE OVAL

I mentioned the above recently. Now Peter Bennett in "The Sun" advocates that Collingwood should pull out and give Soccer a free hand with the ground. Is there really a chance of that?

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# TASMANIAN TALKS

By BOB EASTERBROOK

Metro 5, Canedonians 3. Yes, that is the result, and to be quite frank, it creates a wrong impression, particularly to those who did not witness the game. The Scots were badly let down and were compelled to search for a goalkeeper at 24 hours' notice, and therein lies the secret of Metro's success. The Caledonians were definitely the superior team, but Metro, without playing much real soccer, had only to crack a shot at goal. However, it's goals that count and no matter how superior the losers were, the Caledonians must bow to the inevitable.

Two penalties were granted—one for each side. Harmsen scored, whilst Rattray placed his shot direct at Wise who saved excellently. Wise, Arnold and Harsen excelled for Metro, whilst Terry Clark, Slater and Clark were outstanding for the Caledonians.

Having read two brief reports of the recent game between Queenstown and South Tasmania, no mention was made of Alexander, crack inside-right of the Caledonians; yet the Queenstown officials considered him the finest player of the 22 and presented him with a trophy.

Gold has a value! and I request you, Harry, to 'phone 7071 immediately. I have important news awaiting you.

From now onwards Soccer News will be sent by air freight, c/o Mrs. Truesdale's business address. Our Editor (Mr. Dixon) appreciates the kindly gesture and wishes me to express my sincere thanks.

Bronte Park officials hope to have ground improvements carried out and I am also informed by Mr. Restaly that the Park are going flat out to be King-Pins in the League next year. The early bird catches the worm, Louis; all success in your future endeavors.

The game between Launceston Division II v. South Hobart Division II teams ended in a splendid victory for the latter by 5-3.

News Flash.—Report of A.N.M. v. South Hobart not to hand. Bronte Park v. Sandy Bay game played on Sunday.

## SOUTHERN TASMANIAN SOCCER ASSOCIATION

### SECRETARY'S NOTES

Division II tables are again not published as there were no games this week.

**Telephoning Results.**—Some clubs are very good in attending to this, but others are falling down regularly, particularly for Division II games at Claremont. Clubs, please take this reminder to heart.

## NORTHERN TASMANIA ASSOCIATION

Perched precariously on top of the League ladder, Paton & Baldwins, last season's champions, received a nasty jolt last Saturday when a rejuvenated Invermay defeated them, 3 goals to 1.

Public enemy No. 1, as far as the P. & B. team was concerned, was wild Irishman, Billy Neal, who fairly sprayed his forwards with passes.

The youthful P. & B. team, shorn of most of last year's stalwarts, have done amazingly well so far this season and need not be dismayed at this setback. They were without three of their regulars, including both inside forwards.

The other Division I game was won by South Launceston, strong candidates for premiership honors, who easily disposed of the lowly watersiders, scoring 6 goals to nil. South, undoubtedly a strong combination, have some very talented players. Skipper Sewell and his men are capable of turning on some very nice football.

# TARTAN TOPICS

By DUNCAN McDOUGALL

A gloom was cast over British football with the news of the death of Alex James last week in London. The wee man in the baggy pants was probably the "best ever" in the history of the game. A colourful personality, he commenced his football days with an equally colourful team called Bellshill Angel Meadow, the colours being lilac and primrose! The forward line included Hughie Gallacher and "half-past-eight" funster Jack Radcliffe.

Jerry Dawson, the former Rangers and Falkirk custodian has been appointed manager of East Fife. The Methil directorate must be keen on Ibrox personnel. The last time I saw Dawson in action with the Rangers was in Germany, when the 'gers were down 5-0 at half time, and lost 6-1 at full time. An unusual sight.

Hibs departed for the Rio Grande last week in a complete new "battle-dress." Their equipment included light-weight, short-sleeved jerseys, shorter than usual pants, rayon stockings and cork boots. At least they won't be able to blame the hard grounds as an excuse for defeat!

Dundee continue their African safari with a 4-0 win over Western Province. Falkirk, in their opening game in Malta, drew with League runners-up Birkirkara F.C. Next game is against Floriana, where ex-Dundee Stan Williams is coach.

Transfers are still in the air, and from Ibrox we have Bobby Brown requesting a move from the "soul-destroying" "C" Division. Willie Rae has refused to re-sign and wants a free transfer in lieu of a benefit game. Jimmy Cowan of Morton will be seen at Roker Park, Sunderland, next season, providing a benefit is arranged, and his Greenock public house is taken into consideration.

The juniors are in trouble again, and the Annbank Cup final team was suspended by the officials for demanding a £20 bonus. The offer was £15, but they claimed their opponents were getting £35 for the final. Lesmahagow won the Lanarkshire League, and for the third time in four years, Cumnock and Kilbirnie Ladeside contest the Western League decider, whilst Clydebank and Ashfield play off the Central League championship.

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# Around the Clubs

### BRONTE PARK

Last Sunday, with no roster games on, a trial match was played between two Bronte elevens, the idea being to try to discover any latent talent, and although I am not giving away any secrets, the committee are very satisfied with the outcome of the game.

We regret to report that that old die-hard, Sammy Newall, has, in deference to Anno Domini, decided to hang up his boots, and retire from active football. We are fortunate in that we will have the benefit of Sam's long experience in the game, as he is to officiate as trainer-coach for the Bronte team.

LATE NEWS.—Bronte, with 10 men, defeated Sandy Bay at Bronte Park, 5-2. Best player was Frankie Toal; scorers, Toal (2), Besanti, Cashman and Bow.

### COBURG UNITED

Under very adverse football conditions Coburg managed to draw with Fairfield at Fairfield's home ground. Fairfield held the initiative for the greater part of the game, but excellent defensive play by Coburg prevented their many sorties from finding the net. In the second half a penalty was awarded to Fairfield for an infringement by a Coburg defender. Coburg levelled when centre-half, Bretherton, after a solo run, passed to centre-forward, A. Patrick, who scored.

Many thanks to W. Beveridge, an official of Fairfield, who refereed when the official referee failed to make an appearance.

### GEORGE CROSS

George Cross found their form again last Saturday when they trounced Frankston by 7 goals to nil. The forwards played very well this time, and it was a treat to see the copy-book football and dangerous attacks they executed. Playing with the wind in the first half, they found the net three times, while after the resumption, they scored four times. Scorers were W. Buttigieg (2), T. Trinder (2),, while J. Micallef completed a hat-trick. Our goalie did not have very much to do in the second half.—MELITA.

### FAIRFIELD

Lady luck has certainly left Fairfield as the results of the past four games show. With at least 90 per cent. of the play, Fairfield just could not find the net. After fighting through a packed defence, it was disheartening to see the ball either miss the goals or go into the goalkeeper's hands; he had a real field day. The only ball Coburg's goalkeeper failed to save was a penalty taken by C. Beveridge. Coburg equalised from a bad pass back to Fairfield's goalkeeper with only a few minutes of play left.

Fairfield will visit U.Y.D. on Sunday, June 28, for a friendly game. The bus departs from Gas Office, Flinders Street, at 9 o'clock sharp.

### FOOTSCRAY CITY

Firstly, we wish wholeheartedly to endorse Park Ranger's remarks in last week's Soccer News re the inclusion of Upper Yarra Dam Soccer Club to the Melbourne League. Here is a club financially strong, with first-class facilities to offer soccer, also an interesting day out for any club. This is no time to retard progress in our game; competitive games are the essence of club life.

The turn of the season finds us a little happier at our League position, especially the last two weeks, with a win over Prahran and a draw at Box

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Hill. Much criticised experiments with players and positions look like bringing results.

### SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED

The game against White Eagles was finally abandoned by referee Slater who found it completely impossible to handle the game.

South Melbourne United with the return of Jack Wilson were a greatly improved team, and at half time were leading 3-0. In the twenty minutes of the second half that was played White Eagles scored 2 goals, one from a penalty. They also had the assistance of the wind, and good clean robust football could have resulted in an excellent game.

Last Sunday the club took a team up to Healesville and under good playing conditions played an enjoyable game against the local team, winning easily, 8-0. A feature of the day's outing was the ball to ball description and explanation of the game given by Secretary Des Hamilton for the benefit of the locals who don't savvy soccer. This innovation was favorably commented upon by all.

### SOUTH YARRA

The Navy boys opened up very well and it was only good defence work that settled their dash. Yarra scored first; then for quite a while there was a lot of mid-field play with a break through by the boys in blue, scoring a nice header. After this Yarra, realising the top of the ladder was in danger, woke up to slam home three more goals, Navy's second a mistake. Colin Campbell, our goalkeeper, who was injured at work, was replaced by N. Baddrie, reserve keeper who plays for the Irish team and is a coming lad. Don't forget your team-mates, boys, Colin's one of the best. Final score: South Yarra 4, F.N.D. 2. Thanks, Navy, for both games.

### UPPER YARRA DAM

Our club notes with considerable interest and great pleasure that V.A.S.F.A. Council has agreed to an inter-district competition which is to include our team. We feel sure that we can hold our own in such a country competition. Our record to date this season is as follows:—

| Team | Where Played | Result | Score | Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Footscray | U.Y.D. | Lost | 1-4 | 19/4 |
| South Yarra | U.Y.D. | Lost | 0-3 | 26/4 |
| Flinders N. Depot | U.Y.D. | Won | 3-1 | 3/5 |
| Preston | U.Y.D. | Draw | 2-2 | 10/5 |
| Box Hill | Warburton | Draw | 2-2 | 17/5 |
| Mornington | Mornington | Won | 9-2 | 24/5 |
| Park Rangers | U.Y.D. | Won | 6-1 | 7/6 |
| Flinders N. Depot | Flinders N.D. | Won | 3-0 | 14/6 |
| Heidelberg | U.Y.D. | Won | 10-0 | 21/6 |

Played 9, won 5, drawn 2, lost 2; goals for 36; goals against 15.

Club secretaries, please note that the U.Y.D. acting secretary, Tom Harris, wants to hear from any clubs wishing to arrange a social match, either at home or away.—E. K. DAWSON.

### YALLOURN

Although Juventus were good winners, they were rather flattered by the score as apart from a fatal ten minutes early in the second half they were mostly held by Yallourn defenders. Yallourn held the lead for nearly half an hour. Yallourn scored after five minutes via Campbell and held the

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lead until about ten minutes from half-time when Roberts, the Yallourn centre-half, was unfortunate to put through his own goal and a few minutes after Juventus took the lead and at half-time were 2-1. Soon after half-time came the fatal ten minutes when Juventus forwards swept through the opposition who seemed powerless against them; but after this Yallourn fought back and were still struggling at the finish. Powell (in goal) was outstanding for Yallourn.

## BORDER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Albury City suffered its second successive defeat when beaten by Wodonga, 7-5. The weather was far from ideal for good football, the ground being very wet and a blustering westerly wind blowing.

City for a change were badly let down by their defence and two of Wodonga's goals were kicked by their defenders. On the other hand, Wodonga's forwards, except Tiburzi and Kassai, were weak and missed many opportunities. Congratulations to Wodonga on their first win against Albury City.

In the match at Bandiana, Tallangatta were by no means disgraced by being beaten 4-1. Play was more even than the scores indicate, but Bandiana's defence was a little too strong for Tallangatta's forward line. Griffiths had a day out for Bandiana, scoring 3 of his team's 4 goals.

The game between Albury United and Central Workshops was abandoned and will be played at a later date.

**NORTHERN VICTORIA ASSOCIATION**

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shepparton Rovers | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 27 | 6 | 13 |
| Dookie College | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 14 | 8 |
| Benalla H.C. | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 20 | 14 | 6 |
| Shepparton United | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 33 | 1 |

**BORDER DISTRICT LEAGUE**

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albury City | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 42 | 14 | 12 |
| Wodonga | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 31 | 13 | 10 |
| Albury United | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 29 | 11 | 8 |
| Bandiana | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 20 | 14 | 8 |
| Mt. Beauty United | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 17 | 23 | 6 |
| Tallangatta | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 14 | 34 | 4 |
| Central Workshops | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 54 | 2 |

**SOUTHERN TASMANIA ASSOCIATION**

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Metro. | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 35 | 13 | 13 |
| Caledonians | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 33 | 16 | 12 |
| South Hobart | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 13 | 12 |
| Sandy Bay | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 22 | 6 |
| Bronte Park | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 14 | 24 | 3 |
| A.N.M. | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 35 | 0 |

## OLYMPIC PARK FIXTURES—JULY, 1953

Saturday, July 7, 2.45 p.m.—Hakoah v. J.U.S.T.

Sunday, July 5, 3 p.m.—Juventus v. Moreland.

Saturday, July 11, 2.45 p.m.—Prahran v. Moreland.

Sunday, July 12, 3 p.m.—To be arranged.

Saturday, July 18, 2.45 p.m.—To be arranged.

Sunday, July 19, 3 p.m.—Laidlaw Cup.

Saturday, July 25, 2.45 p.m. — Footscray City v. Hakoah.

Sunday, July 26, 3 p.m.—To be arranged.

Saturday, August 1, 2.45 p.m. — Box Hill v. Juventus.

Sunday, August 2, 3 p.m. — To be arranged.

No curtain-raisers will be played at Olympic Park for above matches.

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## Junior Section

The following Under 15 team has been selected to play Gippsland on July 25 at South Melbourne's ground:—McDonald (Brighton) or Pollard (South Melbourne), Greenwood (Sunshine United), Huckvale (South Melbourne), Edwards (Sunshine City, vice-capt.), Mole (Sunshine City), Megson (Sunshine, captain), Lamont (South Melbourne), Smith (Brighton), Sargent (South Melbourne), Adam (South Melbourne, capt.)), Reid (Sunshine City).

Reserves: Owen (Coburg), Conyers (South Melbourne), Pavitt (Sunshine City), Hunter (Coburg). Team to play at South Melbourne on Sunday, June 28, against South Melbourne Under 17 team at 1 p.m.

W. ADAM, Chairman of Selectors.

**BRIGHTON UNDER 14 TEAM**

The Brighton Under 14 "A" team's home ground is situated at the corner of Dendy Street and the Nepean Highway, about one mile past Hurlingham Park. Train to North Brighton station, then Moorabbin Bus to ground.

**CLOSING DATE — CUP ENTRIES**

Entries for all cup and shield competitions will definitely close on July 1. An entry fee of 5/- per team must accompany all entries.

**POINTS AWARDED**

**Under 20:**

May 23—Footscray City against Northcote H.S.O.B.

**Under 17:**

April 11—Box Hill against Nunawading.
April 18—Moreland against Brighton "B"; Preston against Hakoah.
May 2—Box Hill against Hakoah; Nunawading against Brighton "B."
May 9—Frankston against Brighton "B."
May 16—Moreland against Hakoah; Preston against Brighton "B."
May 16—Box Hill against South Melbourne (White); Nunawading against Frankston.
May 23—Preston against South Melbourne (White); Frankston against Hakoah; Box Hill against Brighton "B."
May 30—Nunawading against Hakoah.

**Under 15:**

May 23—Coburg United against Sunshine United.

**Under 14:**

April 11—Prahran agst. Pk. Rangers; B. Hill "A" agst Box Hill "B."
April 18—Moorabbin City against Park Rangers.
May 9—Sunshine City against Box Hill "B."
May 16—Park Rangers against Box Hill "B."
May 23—Sunshine City against Northcote.

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### UNDER 14 GOAL POSTS

On the grounds on which Sunshine City's Under 14 team successfully claimed the points against Northcote, was that the regulation 7-ft. height for cross bar was not in evidence. Other clubs who are running Under 14 teams are advised, if they have not already done so, to make sure that the height from the ground to the cross-bar must be 7 feet. This can be done by carrying two spare cross-bars and fixing same to brackets. During play, should the ball hit the top cross-bar and rebound back into the playing field, referees should award a goal kick or a corner kick, whichever the case may be.

J. A. OLSEN, Hon. Secretary.

### UNDER 17 DIVISION

The Executive committee has ruled that all points won, and goals for or against in the two divisions of the Under 17 League will count in the new revised Under 17 fixtures which commenced on June 6, and the League table published in this issue includes these results. In the North Section, points have been awarded to teams against Hakoah, Brighton "B" and South Melbourne (White), where these matches were not played on the dates as set down.

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### KEY GAME IN TECHNICAL SCHOOL SOCCER

"Soccer News" visited the South Melbourne ground last week when South Melbourne Tech. entertained Swinburne Tech. The game was of high standard, and it is obvious that the Technical School competition has improved considerably in the last 12 months.

Kicking with the wind, South Melbourne did most of the attacking to start with, their diminutive centre-forward, Clauscen, being well in the picture. Swinburne however, scored first from a breakaway, Coull (C.F.) making no mistake. South Melbourne missed a penalty shortly afterwards when Meyer (C.H.) foolishly put up his hand to stop an easy ball in the area.

As the game proceeded Swinburne got more and more on top, the final score of 5-2 being a fair indication of the play.

For South Melbourne, Clauscen and Stevenson on the forward line seemed most likely to develop into class footballers, their size being against them at present. Goals were scored by Westwood (1), Berzenic (1). For Swinburne, Coull (C.F.) scored 3 goals, this record being particularly impressive. Meyer (C.H.) was the strong man of the team, but on two occasions foolishly handled the ball. Burns (I.L.) scored 2 which cannot be ignored. Both boys need practice in shooting so that they can keep the ball lower. A pleasing feature was the high percentage of Australian born boys, the Swinburne side alone having no less than eight players who have learned the game locally, while in the South Melbourne side the percentage was almost as high.

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### CURTAIN-RAISER AT OLYMPIC PARK

Today, at Olympic Park, Brighton and Moorabbin City under 15 teams will provide the curtain-raiser to the Dockerty Cup game, Prahran versus Juventus.

### MOORABBIN — UNDER 15

These boys continued their winning form. Their superiority in size and weight definitely carried them in this game. Our captain is also showing the forwards how to nod them in. A big hand must definitely go to the Preston goalkeeper. He did a grand job against overwhelming numbers, with little (at times none), co-operation from his backs.

### BRIGHTON — UNDER 20

Adverse conditions made good football almost impossible, but, although Footscray had the wind in the first half, they were a goal down at half-time. In the second half, Brighton played the right brand of football and completely overwhelmed the home team to register a 5-0 victory.

Thanks, Footscray, for a good game.

Brighton's goal-scorers were Finlay (3), Alexander and Young. Calm and constructive at all times, Watson would be the best player.

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## LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JUNE 22, 1953

### FIRST DIVISION

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Juventus | 11 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 37 | 9 | 21 |
| J.U.S.T. | 11 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 41 | 23 | 16 |
| Hakoah | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 35 | 15 | 14 |
| Moreland | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 30 | 13 | 14 |
| Prahran | 11 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 31 | 29 | 11 |
| Brighton | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 28 | 32 | 10 |
| Footscray City | 11 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 16 | 33 | 9 |
| Yallourn | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 16 | 25 | 7 |
| Box Hill | 11 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 15 | 36 | 6 |
| Park Rangers | 11 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 13 | 47 | 0 |

### Second Division

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| South Yarra | 11 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 43 | 12 | 21 |
| Polonia | 11 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 39 | 10 | 17 |
| Geelong | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 30 | 18 | 15 |
| White Eagles | 11 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 25 | 27 | 13 |
| South Melbourne | 11 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 40 | 28 | 12 |
| Sunshine United | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 19 | 28 | 10 |
| Preston | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 15 | 39 | 7 |
| Sandringham City | 10 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 18 | 38 | 6 |
| F.N.D. | 11 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 14 | 27 | 4 |
| Sunshine City | 11 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 16 | 32 | 3 |

South Melbourne, 3 v. White Eagles, 2 match abandoned after 65 minutes of play. (Scores included in this table.)

### Third Division

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maccabi | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 32 | 15 | 17 |
| George Cross | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 37 | 16 | 15 |
| Northcote | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 29 | 15 | 15 |
| Fairfield | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 34 | 24 | 15 |
| Dandenong Rovers | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 29 | 14 | 12 |
| Frankston | 11 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 26 | 26 | 10 |
| Williamstown | 10 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 18 | 24 | 7 |
| Moorabbin City | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 25 | 31 | 7 |
| Coburg | 11 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 18 | 37 | 6 |
| University | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 50 | 0 |

Match between Williamstown and University, 20/6/53.—Ground declared unfit for play by referee.

### Fourth Division

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hellenic | 9 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 55 | 9 | 15 |
| Nunawading | 10 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 26 | 16 | 13 |
| Slavia | 9 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 32 | 10 | 12 |
| Maribyrnong | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 35 | 22 | 12 |
| Slovakia | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 35 | 21 | 11 |
| I.C.I. | 10 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 14 | 11 |
| Victoria Police | 10 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 39 | 22 | 8 |
| Shell | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 4 | 4 |
| Heidelberg | 10 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 10 | 41 | 2 |
| Union Jack | 10 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 6 | 101 | 2 |

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| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **First Division** | | | | | | | |
| Juventus | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 11 | 22 |
| Brighton | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 37 | 18 | 17 |
| Prahran | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 33 | 21 | 15 |
| Box Hill | 11 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 38 | 21 | 12 |
| J.U.S.T. | 11 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 23 | 23 | 12 |
| Footscray City | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 21 | 16 | 10 |
| Moreland | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 17 | 25 | 7 |
| Yallourn | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 17 | 22 | 7 |
| Hakoah | 10 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 37 | 4 |
| Park Rangers | 11 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 56 | 2 |
| **Second Division** | | | | | | | |
| South Yarra | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 13 | 22 |
| Polonia | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 70 | 17 | 19 |
| Geelong | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 40 | 16 | 19 |
| South Melbourne | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 30 | 18 | 14 |
| Sunshine City | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 22 | 22 | 10 |
| Sunshine United | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 21 | 35 | 10 |
| Preston | 11 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 27 | 26 | 9 |
| Sandringham City | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 29 | 44 | 7 |
| F.N.D. | 11 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 17 | 49 | 3 |
| White Eagles | 11 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 8 | 72 | 0 |
| **Third Division** | | | | | | | |
| Fairfield | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 26 | 31 | 15 |
| Moorabbin City | 11 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 26 | 28 | 13 |
| Ukrania | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 19 | 10 | 12 |
| Northcote | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 27 | 27 | 11 |
| Coburg | 11 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 21 | 25 | 9 |
| Williamstown | 11 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 24 | 54 | 8 |
| Dandenong | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 21 | 28 | 6 |
| Astor | 11 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 26 | 53 | 5 |
| Maccabi | 9 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 31 | 3 |
| Wilhelmina | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Maccabi v. Dandenong match not played.
Wilhelmina v. Ukrania result not phoned.

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fourth Division** | | | | | | | |
| Box Hill | 11 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 61 | 15 | 18 |
| Shell "B" | 11 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 21 | 11 | 18 |
| Brighton | 10 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 58 | 14 | 14 |
| South Yarra | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 23 | 11 | 14 |
| Polonia | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 26 | 13 | 13 |
| Heidelberg | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 29 | 7 |
| Northcote H.S.O.B. | 10 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 11 | 36 | 6 |
| Hellenic | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 19 | 47 | 5 |
| Nunawading | 9 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 40 | 3 |
| Moorabbin City | 10 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 7 | 31 | 2 |

Heidelberg v. Moorabbin City not played.
South Yarra v. Nunawading not phoned.
Polonia v. Northcote H.S.O.B. not phoned.

## JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JUNE 22, 1953

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Under 20 Division** | | | | | | | |
| Sunshine United | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 38 | 7 | 17 |
| Brighton | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 30 | 6 | 12 |
| Box Hill | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 10 | 10 |
| Juventus | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 20 | 13 | 9 |
| Footscray City | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 30 | 8 |
| Preston | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 17 | 5 |
| Northcote H.S.O.B. | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 18 | 5 |
| South Melb. United | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 24 | 5 |
| Sandringham City | 9 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 31 | 3 |
| **Under 17 Division** | | | | | | | |
| Brighton | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 4 | 18 |
| Sunshine City | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 31 | 10 | 15 |
| Prahran | 9 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 35 | 7 | 14 |
| South Melb United | 10 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 26 | 17 | 13 |
| Moreland | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 37 | 12 | 12 |
| Frankston | 9 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 5 | 12 |
| Box Hill | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 12 |
| Nunawading | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 10 | 10 |
| Preston | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 18 | 10 |
| Sandringham City | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 14 | 6 |
| Polonia | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 16 | 4 |
| Moorabbin City | 10 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 39 | 1 |
| South Yarra | 8 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 55 | 1 |
| **Under 15 Division** | | | | | | | |
| Sunshine City | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 1 | 18 |
| South Melb. United | 10 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 5 | 17 |
| Moorabbin City | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 32 | 12 | 12 |
| Coburg United | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 21 | 11 | 12 |
| Sunshine United | 10 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 27 | 8 | 11 |
| Sandringham City | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 29 | 10 |
| Preston | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 22 | 7 |
| Box Hill | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 48 | 5 |
| I.C.I. (Deer Park) | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 46 | 4 |
| Brighton | 10 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 25 | 2 |
| **Under 14 Division** | | | | | | | |
| Box Hill "A" | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 61 | 1 | 17 |
| Sunshine City | 10 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 47 | 2 | 17 |
| Essendon | 9 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 21 | 7 | 14 |
| Brighton "A" | 9 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 22 | 10 | 12 |
| Northcote | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 18 | 18 | 10 |
| Prahran | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 27 | 24 | 10 |
| South Melb. United | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 17 | 18 | 8 |
| Coburg United | 10 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 40 | 8 |
| Brighton "B" | 9 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 41 | 5 |
| Moorabbin City | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 17 | 3 |
| Box Hill "B" | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 20 | 2 |
| Park Rangers | 9 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 38 | 2 |
| **METROPOLITAN TECHNICAL SCHOOLS** | | | | | | | |
| Swinburne | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 3 | 10 |
| Footscray | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 7 | 8 |
| Preston | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 6 |
| South Melbourne | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 11 | 6 |
| Brighton | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 5 |
| Oakleigh | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 7 | 4 |
| Prahran | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 19 | 4 |
| Collingwood | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 3 |
| Caulfield | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 2 |
| Box Hill | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 1 |
| Richmond | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 16 | 1 |

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